

**8.69 Tim Shields center for governing excellence in Iowa.**

1. The commission shall establish the Tim Shields center for governing excellence in Iowa. The purpose of the Tim Shields center for governing excellence in Iowa is to do all of the following:

a. Enhance the accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency of Iowa's local governments and state agencies by providing objective and nonpartisan research and training support for policymakers and government officials.

b. Integrate the research capacities of the community colleges and public and private universities located in this state and of organizations representing local governments to support management and policy research.

c. Facilitate dialogues among Iowa's state agencies, local governments, community colleges, public and private universities, organizations representing local governments, and citizens on government policy design, implementation, and evaluation.

2. After its creation, the center may solicit, accept, and administer moneys contributed to the center by any source, and may enter into contracts with public or private agencies or may enter into agreements subject to [chapter 28E](#) with public and private agencies in order to carry out its purposes. All records of the center including but not limited to records of donations to the center and contracts or agreements entered into by the center shall be public records for purposes of [chapter 22](#).

3. The center shall submit an annual report of the activities of the center to the governor and to the general assembly as provided in [section 7A.11A](#) by January 15 of each year.

4. The local government innovation commission created in [section 8.65](#), or a successor agency, shall oversee and direct the activities of the Tim Shields center for governing excellence in Iowa.

2007 Acts, ch 117, §6, 7

Referred to in [§8.64](#), [8.66](#)

For future repeal of this section effective July 1, 2010, see 2009 Acts, ch 170, §48, 50